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TREASURES NEW AND OLD
MATTHEW 13:52

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Throughout His ministry, Jesus of Nazareth worked to impress upon the minds of all that His Kingdom on earth should be foremost in priority for attainment by each man. Benefiting from His rule would require release from domination of the world system under Lucifer - a change in priorities. But such change could only be by development and process, and so He provided a great deal of teaching on the process for those in readiness. To others, the teachings were and still are just so many stories.

In Matt. 13 and Mk. 4, eight parables are recorded for defining this Kingdom on earth and the regeneration it demands. All of them are to be considered as portions of one parable or teaching, each portion serving to further expand understanding of the others. Matt. 13:51.

"A Sower went out to sow. As He sowed, some fell by the roadside, and the birds came and ate them up. ... Other fell on good soil and yielded fruit, some indeed a hundred, some sixty and some thirty. He who has ears to be hearing, let him be hearing." Whenever the Lord spoke these "hearing" words, He warned that the intended sense would not be gained from a casual surface reading, but would require substantial meditation and matching with His other words in the Law and the Testimony. Isa. 8:14-20.

The <u>people</u> planted in good soil who produce 100, 60 or 30 are all partakers of the good environment, benefiting from and absorbing Truth and Light. Although church members have heard hardly anything about the 30 fold while basking in the "light" offered by religious man and his seminary-trained ministers, 30 fold people are also fruitful believers in the true God, Jesus Christ. They are not "born again," but they are indeed believers and associates of the true church of Christ family.

The 30 fold person contends with faults he finds in the life he puts on display. The 60 fold person knows enmity (war) with hurtful inner thoughts and desires. But the 100 fold person finds plenty of

room to experience God's plan and live in peace with self and God. Isa. 12:3 and read WELLS OF SALVATION.

The 30 fold person has an awareness of the physical Jesus Christ as Savior-Preserver, and that His plan involves cleaning up words and acts. The 60 fold person has a very apparent heart desire to better know Jesus Christ and better apply His plan, as found in His Word. He is keenly aware that he ought to clean up and manage his inner life of thoughts and desires, as well as externals. The 100 fold person has total freedom from the pulls and pressures which so commonly and effectively hinder one's following Christ wherever He leads.

The 30 fold person is a believer in an anticipatory approach toward the "born again" event. He has a divine "generation" from above, but he is not a member of Christ's Kingdom on earth. Jhn. 3:3. He can lose his standing if he turns away from Christ and the cleansing of His shed blood. Jhn. 6:37.

The 60 fold person is one possessing the gift of God, an immortal seed from the body of the glorified Jesus Christ. By conditioning, his ears are continually open as he seeks earnestly to make progress in understanding and application of what God Himself relates in His Word. Jhn. 5:24. Typically, his Bible gets a daily workout as he seeks better self-management! Matt. 7:7. He cannot lose his standing (pregnancy). Jhn. 10:28.

The 100 fold is the generated from above Christian who has proven his utter dedication to living God's plan for man's well-being - to the exclusion of all else. His progression from the 60 fold is by baptism in Holy Spirit and "fire" which instantaneously frees him from all hindrances to rapid development as Christ's own. Matt. 3:11.

Almost all church-goers are familiar with the "born again" label worn by most members. A few, but growing number have been taught some things about the Holy Spirit Baptism label. Almost no church-goers know anything about the 30 fold stage - even though most of them have either not gotten beyond or have not yet entered it.

Except a man is being generated out of water and of spirit, he cannot enter or progress within the earth Kingdom. Arrival at the Kingdom Door and then being permitted to enter is the privilege of each one in the 60 fold. Jhn. 14:6. But if he continues being generated out of water and of spirit, he will be permitted to ascend the mountain as a 100 fold, being chosen for more responsible work, as he lives wholly within the Kingdom. The description in Jhn. 3:5 is of things taking place on earth. Jhn. 3:12. Read WHAT DO YOU MEAN - BORN AGAIN?

The arrival of Israel at the foot of the mountain of God 60 days after leaving Egypt carries the number symbolism of 60 - working within the earthly Kingdom to take dominion over all desires. Moses' making his way to the mountain top 100 days after the Exodus began carries the number symbolism of 100 - the manifestation of God through man's spirit on earth. It shows His Life and Light (1) in the human spirit, with earth phase orientation accomplished in the soul and the physical (00). It is heavenly citizenship realized while yet on earth. Ex. 24:18.

John the Baptist and Jesus pictured the "tree" which does not and cannot consistently bear good fruit. That tree, they said, must be cut down, the axe taken to the root (to inhibit new sprouts) and the whole tree consumed in fire. The tree is that towering, well-rooted, strong trunked (stiff necked) soul nature which dominates man's spirit and his response patterns. It is the rebellious Adam-nature, with roots of selfishness and pride. Nothing is ever resolved by trying to depress the symptoms of this disease; its root must be cut and the whole tree consumed. Matt. 3:10, 7:18-19.

As we study our Bible with eyes open and an enquiring mind, we may note that whenever the mighty Being of the Holy Spirit is the subject, the words "Holy Spirit" are preceded in the Greek by the article "the." Whenever the subject is a divine endowment or spirit attribute, the Greek words are "holy spirit" without the article. (The ancient manuscripts made no differentiation between upper

and lower case letters.) In all the references to baptism in holy spirit, the Greek shows no article "the," it having been volunteered by English translators. "Fire" is surely a divine impartation.

Christian maturity requires a drastic change to be made, releasing the human spirit from soul control and setting its operation on the exclusive course of rightness and cleanness. The transformed nature must become that of a spirit which itself is holy - a spirit determined to remain separated from all that hinders total well-being. Thus it is written in Matt. 3:11 and elsewhere that the qualified person is to be fully immersed into a totally new environment (the meaning of "baptized"), an environment characterized by a holy human spirit.

The Lord watches as a 60 fold human spirit separates itself for and into God's plan. When acceptably "holy," soul purification beyond man's ability to accomplish is His reward. But it is man who chooses whether to become holy! Rev. 22:11-12.

The human spirit is to change its operating pattern from following soul surgings, and take the lead in directing both soul and physical into conformance with Christ's teachings. This precedes immersion into a new residing glory "glow" and leads to an overwhelming by the Lord's "fire." Under the control of Christ, His Spirit-fire is ignited to burn out every vestige of self-serving soul surge and root rot. The result is absolute freedom from every pull to deviate from Christ's teachings. A holy spirit within is established, instead of the old "I'll do anything my soul tells me to do" spirit.

Do not be surprised! The wind (spirit) blows (breathes) where it will. ... You neither know from where it comes nor to where is goes. So it is with every one who is generated out of water and out of spirit. Jhn. 3:8. The Kingdom of God (earthly) is like a man who scatters seed upon the ground. ... The seed sprouts, and grows into the blade, the ear and the filled out ear - he knows not how! Mk. 4:26-28. From an environment of darkness, the believer is to emerge into one of Light and Life with abundancy.

Is so drastic a remedy worth while? Won't the loss in human enjoyment be too painful? The answer to both questions lies in how ambitious one is to become continuously and exorbitantly successful in daily life. Otherwise, he blithely chooses the expediency of short-sighted, self-direction that later bloodies his nose.

With actual purity established in the soul, it being led by the spirit then become holy, ask whatever you will and it will be done for you! This close connection with the Lord will then continue on and on, unless a volitional deviation is knowingly put into practice. But who would be so foolish, not even being drawn toward such a thing? Unless a man is being generated (by the Father) out of the water (of soul demands) and out of a spirit (of giving in to soul insistence), he cannot engage and progress in the earthly Kingdom of God. Jhn. 3:5.

The succinct (though cryptic) account in Gen. 1 states that man is to take dominion over fish of the sea, birds of the air and every beast that moves in the land. If after millions of years it is seen there has been no literal fulfillment, we understand God's intent was expressed here in figurative or parabolic language. Elsewhere in the Bible, we are given the information that water pictures the human soul, and the sea the gatherings of souls.

The soul is the seat of desire, so the fish of the sea are emotions and desires "swimming" in the soul. Likewise, we perceive the heavens of the world's atmosphere being used to picture man's mind in his own little "world." Therefore, the birds that fly in the air are thoughts flitting about in man's mind. In the Scripture, beasts of the land and their movements illustrate the acts performed by man in his personal "world."

You and I, your and my human spirit, are destined to progressively take control of and rightly manage our emotions, thoughts and physical responses. As a loving Father, the Lord has planned it this way.

That is His way for moving into maturity, as displayed in the 100, 60, 30 fold pattern. Because

Adam fell out of that pattern, the revolution now required to match the Lord's plan must begin in reverse. First, management of word's and actions is undertaken within the span of training for those in the 30 fold. Next, emotion-desire and thoughts are subjected to intense attention for control during the training for those in the 60 fold. During the span of training for those in the 100 fold, with emotions and desires brought under human spirit control, the job is continuous thought management.

Seen in other terms, control is to be wrested from the Adam-nature soul drives of desire. That begins with simple things. One watches his tongue (speech) and his physical responses to soul drives. The second phase is a little more difficult. One is to watch that a room is not furnished and made a comfortable residence for harmful emotions-desires and thoughts. When the Lord perceives the human spirit is exercising a measure of control and will persist in expanding its proper control, in love and grace, He consumes "black threads" in the soul fabric. Then the third phase of self-management becomes easier; the job remaining is control and proper orientation of thoughts.

The dedicated wilderness Tabernacle was filled with God's glory. Ex. 40:34. Great conflict followed alignment with God. Later, Solomon's dedicated Temple was filled with God's glory. 1Ki. 8:10. Peace under wise management followed dedication of what had been subdued. At the High Priest's sanctification, God's glory appeared - and Spirit-fire consumed the carnal offerings. Lev. 9:23-24.

But before enabling any man into the training of this third phase, his spirit must have been tested and proven in the certainty of its heading. It must be a sure heading, away from the soul drive pattern of the Adam man and into that of the Christ Spirit. His human spirit must be experientially seen fully determined to become separate from the norm of the world, and fully immersed in the new heading. That spirit must have become holy <u>before</u> it is worthwhile for the Lord to infold with His glory and burn out

the roots of selfishness - accelerating growth.

Establishment of the human spirit in the Lord's plan precedes His encompassing with a glory "glow" and the revolution within. Isa. 60:1-2. It is in this way that Christ fulfills His prophecies about a personal new spirit and then a new heart, leading to a new personal "heaven" and a new personal "earth." Progressively, the new spirit matches the Spirit of the Lord. Ezek. 11:18-20, 36:24-28, Isa. 65:16-20.

God can act through a clean spirit and a pure heart - even as He did in the the man Jesus Christ and the early Disciples-Apostles. "Whatever you ask in My 'name,' I will do it" - as long as cleanness and purity are carefully maintained. Jhn. 14:13. The "new" spirit and "new" heart must be associated with separation from volitional deviations from God's plan for man's well-being. Truly, each is "new" in manifestation, though not through substitution of a different spirit being or soul garment. The two "immersions" are part of the process leading into total immortality. Ezek. 18:31-32.

When the tree that hides Truth is cut down and burned out, God and the practicality of His working plan are more clearly seen. Matt. 5:8. When impeding emotion-desires and pride are consumed, the Holy Spirit is better able to teach a holy spirit. Divine empowerment into cleanness and rightness is precisely for that purpose. Yet spiritual maturity is not completed by baptism into Holy Spirit enabling, or by fire; the change is the environment.

It is written that the woman (the religious community) mixed 3 measures of wheat flour - with leaven. Matt. 13:33. Every truly Christian church has been thoroughly involved in leading its members into and through the 30, 60 and (hopefully) the 100 folds. But lacking full maturity, even the 100 fold members (also including the Bride of Christ) can only be seen as blameless, not yet faultless. Rev. 14:5, Eph. 1:4 (same word in each - faultless). It is written that the Lev. 23:17 two loaves of firstfruits are made with leaven. There is subsequent maturing. Read THE TWO LOAVES FIRSTFRUITS.

What is required of Christians that they be chosen for divine rearranging through complete Holy Spirit enabling? The churches have relied mostly upon the Paul's Epistles and Acts for this information. Unfortunately for them, there was not much teaching then needed on how to arrive at and receive Christ's promotion. Therefore as predicted, even the Pentecostal Church teaching became so perverted the Apostles would hardly recognize it. The early Church was a preliminary version of the Glorious Church promised for the end of our age. It was built around the 120 who received the "former" impartation of "wind and fire" prophecied in Joel 2:27-28 and described in Acts 2:2-3.

In that early Church, the dedicated 120 received an extra measure of the Spirit impartation and could easily become transferring mediums through "laying on of hands." In addition, the Apostles and Disciples tangibly demonstrated power from God in healing the sick, opening prison doors, surviving the most poisonous snake bites, etc. It was an accepted norm among church members to proceed rapidly into yearning for sound teaching, more of it and full dedication to it. Their baptism (overwhelming) in a new holy human spirit environment came quickly.

So it will be again in the "latter day" impartation. For the 1200 or 12,000 out of all of Christendom in our time, qualifying dedication will have been thorough. Within church bodies today, we do not see much tangible exercise of God's power. Indeed, where is any substantial measure of the Faith which the Lord could see fit to reward in public? Lk. 18:8. It is written that even "devout" Christians will have to be shocked to the core before entering into full dedication. The telling shock will be the Lord's stealing away His Firstfruits Bride, and leaving the unsuspecting church behind!

Only after the Firstfruits return to make clear distinctions between the good and the harmful (Mal. 3:18), and another 50 days and nights of intense prayer and seeking for the Lord's mind, will the Glorious Church be born. Valid baptisms into the

Shekinah Glory infolding and purified environment will again become the norm - in the Glorious Church. Initially, it will again be the few who will be doing exciting wonder-works such as Christ did, accompanied with teachings of Truth direct from the Throne.

Effective "laying on of hands" will again become more common. Progressively, many will know what it is to have a "new spirit and a new heart." The Glorious Church will move into and experience rapid growth - and tremendous opposition from the establishment. Of course these earth-shaking results will be well worth the testing and proving. The measure of a valid baptism will not be "speaking in tongues!" Use of a foreign language will not be absent, but its primary use would be by a Christian sent to people whose tongue he had not learned.

The greatest incentive, probably by far, for Christians to move toward this baptism will be the knowledge that it enables much more rapid travel toward the Lord's goal of perfection (maturity). Matt. 5:48. Accompanying this will be the incentive of living without any conflict or misalignment with God, experiencing His unlimited backing and experientially knowing the tremendous joy of no problems whatsoever. Jhn. 16:33.

The way is that of dedication to <u>His</u> Truth, not what the acclaimed religious men have said is true. The approach to that dedication is through His Word, with Him as the exclusive Teacher. Yes, He will help each searching one with His chosen tutors, but none of them here are to become the stand-in teacher. Always, the Lord is to furnish the final Word. In advance of His initiating His new work, foreign to the establishment, it may seem difficult to trust the Lord that much. There is too much peer pressure; ingrained perversions of truth have much too strong a hold on minds and hearts.

Dedication is a process which has to be learned element by element. Now is the day for emphasis on preparation in absolute dedication. One unwilling to go well beyond the pattern in the modern church and leave its flexible standards can only move into